

On Page 8, between lines 6 and 7 please insert the following paragraph:

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--Corresponding reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views. The exemplification set out herein illustrates one preferred embodiment of the invention, in one form, and such exemplification is not to be construed as limiting the scope of the invention in any manner.--

On Page 12, line ~~24~~ please insert the following paragraph:

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--While this invention has been described as having a preferred design, the present invention can be further modified within the spirit and scope of this disclosure. This application is therefore intended to cover any variations, uses, or adaptations of the invention using its general principles. Further, this application is intended to cover such departures from the present disclosure as come within known or customary practice in the art to which this invention pertains and which fall within the limits of the appended claims.--

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method for removing calcium from water containing a high concentration of calcium bicarbonate, [characterized in] comprising the steps of: